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Title: The Minister of Science and Technology and Minister of Earth Sciences laid the statement regarding the status of implementation of the recommendation contained in the 178th Report of the Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Enviornment and Forests, pertaining to the department of science and Technology, Ministry of Science and Technology.

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): With your permission, I am laying this Statement on the status of implementation of the recommendations pertaining to Department of Science and Technology in the One Hundred Seventy-Eighth (178th) Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee (PSC) on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on the direction of the Hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha, in pursuance of the provisions of Rule 389 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Lok Sabha issued vide Lok Sabha Bulletin-Part-H dated September 1, 2004.

The Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests laid their One Hundred Seventy-Eighth (178th) Report on 27th November, 2007 in the Lok Sabha. In all, there were 10 (ten) recommendations in the 178th Report of the Committee. The present status of implementation is detailed in the appended Annexure which may be allowed to be laid on the Table of the House.

* Laid on the Table and also Placed in Library, See No. LT 8586/08.

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